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Reputed Soviet Agent Weeps as Witness

Testifies She Invited Sex

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LOS ANGÉLES, April 26 — Svetlana Ogorodnikov, who is being tried on charges that she recruited an F.B.I. agent to spy for the Soviets, burst into tears in court today when another former F.B.I. agent testified that she had invited him to have sex.

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"Why you lie — liar!" Mrs. Ogorodnikov declared, interrupting the testimony of the former agent, John E.
Hunt, who had been describing a dinner
meeting he had with her in June 1982.

Mrs. Ogorodnikov is being tried with her husband, Nikolay, on charges that they conspired with Richard W. Miller, who was then an F.B.I. agent, to pass classified documents to the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Ogorodnikov, who is 34 years old, has contended in court papers that her activities with F.B.I. agents had been in connection with her role as an F.B.I. informer. She said she had had an affair with Mr. Hunt when he was assigned to her case, and later with Mr. Miller. The Government has denied that Mr. Hunt was involved in an intimate relationship with her.

Purpose of Meeting Described

Mr. Hunt described in his testimony a series of meetings he held with Mrs. Ogorodnikov in 1982 in an effort to get her to provide infomation to the F.B.I. about officials of the Soviet consulate in San Francisco. Mrs. Ogorodnikov, a

Russian who immigrated to the United States with her husband and son in 1973, had distributed Russian films here with the help of consular officials, and had gained their acquaintance, he testified.

But after February 1982, he said, Mrs. Ogorodnikov vacillated as to whether she would cooperate with the bureau and whether she would continue to meet wih him.

Mr. Hunt testified that the June 6 meeting "was more to build rapport than to obtain information." They went to a Hollywood cocktail lounge for drinks, and on departing Mrs. Ogorodnikov suddenly told him, he testified: "I love you. Can't we go someplace?"

Mrs. Ogorodnikov's first outburst came at that point.

Mr. Hunt, pressing on, said that he refused, and took Mrs. Ogorodnikov home, and that she told him, "Well, if you won't take me, I'm going to go find somebody else who will."

Mrs. Ogorodnikov then denounced Mr. Hunt as a liar again, continuing to speak until Judge David V. Kenyon Jr. called a temporary recess.

Government's Assertion

In its opening statement to the jury, the Government portrayed Mrs. Ogorodnikov as having used sex and money to draw Mr. Miller, who was described as a troubled man with career and marital problems, into obtaining secret documents for the Soviets. Mr. Miller is to be tried separately.

Mr. Hunt testified that he first asked Mrs. Ogorodnikov to cooperate wih the F.B.I. in February 1982, and that she turned him down. After several other meetings, he testified, she telephoned

to ask for a meeting, and they met May 19.

Mr. Hunt said she told him at that meeting that she wanted "to warn me" about her best friend, Nina Thomas. "She said Nina Thomas in the past had deliberately involved married men in extramarital affairs and then attempted to blackmail them," Mr. Hunt testified.

Mr. Hunt, who is married and a grandfather, said he told her "there was nothing to be concerned about." Last week Richard Kendall, a prosecutor in the case, said Mrs. Ogorodnikov had identified Nina Thomas to the F.B.I. as a K.G.B. informer.

Mrs. Ogorodnikov remained generally reluctant in the spring of 1982 to divulge information about Soviet consular officials, Mr. Hunt told the jury. But at a meeting in April she talked about the character of the man who was then consul general in San Francisco, who was identified in court only by his last name, Chikvaidze.

Mr. Hunt said she told him that Mr. CHikvaidze, a Soviet Georgian, "had an alcohol problem, was a womanizer," was not accepted by his staff and had trouble controlling them, Mr. Hunt testified.

The former agent testified that at that time she told him she wanted to divorce her husband and that if she did "she would be happy to tell me everything she knew."